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Dr. Ivan Itkin
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
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1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Re: Yucca Mountain Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Dr. Itkin:

We offer the following comments on the transportation provisions of the draft *Yucca Mountain Environmental Impact Statement* and request you lead the effort to address these transportation issues.

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2 [We note that the transportation issues are not well developed.] We also note that one of the possible truck routing is along I-40 in Arizona. In the past, U.S. Department of Energy or its contractors have utilized a "short-cut" by going across the Hoover Dam. It is our position that this route as presently constructed is not appropriate for this use. The traffic is often congested and when traffic is stopped, emergency access to some areas is very limited. The construction of a bridge across the Colorado River would eliminate most if not all of this problem.]

You should also be aware that we support the submitted positions of the Western Interstate Energy Board on this EIS.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Aubrey V. Godwin".

Aubrey V. Godwin
Director